

Territory area are going to cosponsor this. We are looking forward to hearings here in Washington and in the field, and working with the Governors of each State in developing this. I think it can be a big asset.

In the Midwest, unlike in the West, where they have many national parks, and the East tends to have historic sites and fewer parks, the West tends to have national parks, in the Midwest we have very little. We have very little that helps us develop for tourism, we have very little that helps us develop different assets in our community.

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I think this is one step toward some equalization in developing the history of the Midwest, and I am excited and looking forward to doing this. As we develop a management entity with this, this can be one of the most exciting things that has happened in the Midwest for many years.

I also want to take a few minutes tonight because today was an important day. One of the things in the northwest ordinance and in American history that we value most is the ability to participate in electing our own leaders. Today was a very important day in Indiana, because we elected mayors and city council members across the State and in my district.

For those who first say that their vote does not matter, we have had an extraordinary number of extremely close elections tonight. Some of these are still pending. Fort Wayne, the biggest city in my district, around 230,000 people, it appears, but it is far too early to say, even though 99 percent of the vote is in, that in a very close vote, both candidates are friends of mine, both of them ran tremendous campaigns, but the Democratic candidate for mayor appears to be pulling an upset, but right now is ahead by 174 votes out of way over 40,000.

Whoever of these candidates ultimately is our mayor we can be proud in Fort Wayne in working with them because they ran a terrific campaign. But once again, this shows the importance of every person participating in finding good quality candidates and then people participating.

In our city council races in what were expected to be not very close races, Tom Freistroffer, a Democratic candidate, right now is 129 votes ahead of the third place person on the Republican ticket, my friend, Rebecca Ravine.

All three Republican candidates were outstanding candidates, as were the Democratic candidates. This is an unusual race in the sense that we did not have anybody who was really a weak candidate. Tom Freistroffer, even though he is a Democrat, was a Notre Dame grad, so I appreciate him very much for at least that. But I am still hoping the Republicans pull out this election tonight.

It was extraordinary. We had an upset in another city council race in

one of the councilmanic districts. We have another one that was decided by barely over 100 votes. In New Haven, Indiana, the election there was decided by only 145 votes. In Kendallville, Indiana, the vote was won by the incumbent mayor over Suzanne Handshoe who ran an excellent campaign, but the Democratic mayor hung on in that race by about 180 votes.

In Auburn, a close friend and supporter of mine, won the mayor's race there by about 400 votes. The Republican in Columbia City, Ronald Glassley, pulled a big upset and won that by 48 votes.

In Huntington, the incumbent mayor was defeated by an overwhelming margin by a person, Terry Abbett, who had won a number of races and who always runs really well, but nobody expected he got nearly 70 percent. That was not one that was a cliff hanger.

But it is important to understand that the recruitment first of quality candidates by both sides is always important in the electoral process. The second is, once again in Indiana tonight, in a big upset in the Indianapolis mayor's election, potentially in Fort Wayne, other parts of Indiana, very close vote margins.

When you hear the debates we have here on the House floor and you hear the kind of combat that is occurring and you wonder how come people cannot just sit down and work these things out, our country right now is very closely divided between the two parties. Election after election is showing this. That means we rub hard at the edges. Because what we do on this floor, what we do in mayors' offices and governors' offices are very important to the future of this country.

The project that I spent most of my time talking about tonight, the Northwest Territory, anchored the first American attempt to spread the American philosophy of democracy beyond the original 13 States and into the northwest. It talked about the promotion of religion, the promotion of education, the promotion of good citizenship, how we would set up property values, how we would set up the respect for law.

That is what we should be concentrating on in this country, regardless of whether one is a Republican or Democrat, is how to uphold the traditions, the history and kind of all that went before us, all that is going on now, and we want to pass that on to the next generation. Part of that is understanding how we got where we are, and it is critical to understanding where we will go next.

#### LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. SAWYER (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today after 6:25 p.m. and November 3 on account of illness in the family.

Mr. DIAZ-BALART (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today on account of family reasons.

#### SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Ms. BROWN of Florida) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. LIPINSKI, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BROWN of Ohio, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. BROWN of Florida, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. JONES of Ohio, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. GOSS) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. GILLMOR, for 5 minutes, November 3.

Mr. METCALF, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. KELLY, for 5 minutes, November 3.

#### ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Administration, reported that that committee had examined and found truly enrolled bills of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker.

H.R. 2303. An act to direct the Librarian of Congress to prepare the history of the House of Representatives, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3064. An act making appropriations for the District of Columbia, and for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Mr. SOUDER. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 15 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, November 3, 1999, at 10 a.m.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

5099. A letter from the Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Sanitation of Requirements for Official Meat and Poultry Establishments [Docket No. 96-037F] received October 28, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

5100. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Aeration of Imported Logs, Lumber,